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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR) Date: December 12, 2005
PROCESSING COLOR IMAGE, AND)
RECORDING MEDIUM STORING THEREIN)
PROGRAM FOR CARRYING OUT THE)
METHOD)

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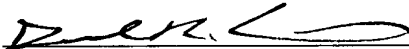
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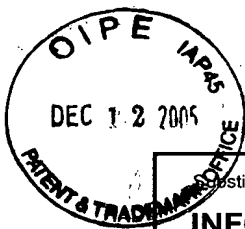
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